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For President-Elect in 1888,  
General John A. Logan,  
OF ILLINOIS.

**WA-KEENEY AS SHE IS,**  
With Frequent Allusions as  
to How She Was.  
ON A HEALTHY TIDE,  
Without Reason to Expect a Re-  
action.  
A Chapter on Her Early History.  
A Business Summary of the  
Present.  
Personal Mention, Etc.

The annexed history of Wa-Keeney in  
her infancy is taken from the Wa-Keeney  
WORLD of December 22, 1879, and was  
written by the editor whose fingers trace  
these lines:

Among the many thousands who visited  
the centennial exhibition at Philadel-  
phia, in 1876, was Mr. J. F. Keeney, of  
Chicago, Illinois. Attracted and aston-  
ished by the wonderful display made by  
Kansas, as there represented, and the  
various favorable comments of others on  
the wonderful products and resources of  
that young and growing state, Mr. Keeney  
then and there resolved that it should  
be the basis of his future plans of action,  
believing that there would be an in-  
crease of immigration to Kansas, and  
that it would be wise for him to get in  
ahead of this immigration and secure as  
much land as possible before prices  
would be advanced. So, shortly after his  
return to Chicago, in August of 1877, he  
visited Kansas, having invited Mr. Warren  
to accompany him. After traveling  
nearly all over the state, inspecting lands  
along the lines of the different railroads,  
he selected Trego county as the best  
adapted to carry out the plans which he  
had formed of building up in the West a  
good town and a prosperous community.  
This county seemed to him to be most  
favorable for a grand enterprise on a  
count of its location, good soil, abundant  
supply of water in the form of springs, creeks,  
and two small rivers running through the  
county, beautiful rolling prairies, abun-  
dant of fine building stone, lime—the  
whole country being a lime-stone forma-  
tion, and known as the "Golden Belt," so  
famous for wheat raising. He secured  
for his firm, Warren, Keeney & Co., of  
which he has ever been the active, ener-  
getic leader, about one hundred thousand  
acres of these lands, and then went back  
to Chicago to put into operation the  
plans for building up and developing  
this new country, which was almost un-  
known to the civilized world, and was  
only inhabited by a few hunters, trappers  
and herders, with the exception of  
two or three squatters on government  
lands. There was nothing to obstruct  
the view as far as the eye could see.

**WA-KEENEY**  
was laid out on section nine, township  
twelve, range twenty-three, being one en-  
tire section—640 acres—and being about  
the center of the large tract of land pur-  
chased by Warren, Keeney & Co. of the  
Kansas Pacific railroad company—nearly  
in the center of Trego county, and just  
half way between Kansas City and Den-  
ver. It was named by Mr. Keeney, and  
is an abbreviation of Warren & Keeney.  
O. G. Gibbs says, in the Chicago Tribune,  
it means the man who pushes things.  
It was surveyed and laid out by Messrs.  
Warren, Keeney & Co. in January, 1878.  
The streets all cross each other at right  
angles, each street being eighty feet  
wide, with the exception of some streets  
by which the court house square is bound-  
ed, each of which is one hundred feet in  
width. This town was laid out after the  
most approved fashion, as Warren, Keeney  
& Co. have had large experience in  
building towns, having laid out and built  
several of the suburbs of Chicago. The  
town site is one of the most beautiful on  
the Kansas Pacific railway, and can be  
seen from ten to twenty miles in almost  
any direction. The regularity and beauty  
of the design of its streets have done  
much to show off the place, and it is the  
general remark of every one who visits  
the place: "What a beautiful town site!  
what fine, broad streets!—each being just  
one mile in length; it looks more like a  
New England city than a Western town."  
The county was organized in July last,  
with Wa-Keeney as the county seat.  
This town has been on a boom ever  
since it was laid out, and still continues  
to boom. It contains the finest depot in  
the state, being built of stone, after the  
most approved plans of one of Chicago's  
best architects. It is 100 feet long, 32  
feet wide, and very ornamental; in fact,  
few Eastern cities can boast of so fine a  
depot. The business of the town is rep-  
resented by about twenty stores of mer-  
chandise of all kinds. It is the busiest  
town in Kansas, and it is constantly ad-  
ding to its size and business. Everybody

seems to be wide awake and bent upon  
making this a large town, which, from its  
location upon this great through line of  
railroad, half way between the two large  
cities, Kansas City and Denver, surround-  
ed by the richest and best wheat land in  
Kansas, in the great "Golden Belt," the  
future granary of Kansas, is surely des-  
tined to be, and at no distant day will be,  
the largest place between these points, as  
there must be another large city between  
these cities. It now contains six hotels,  
and another large hotel, 100 feet front by  
about sixty feet deep, on a prominent  
corner, will be thrown open to the public  
in a short time; two elevators, U. S. land  
office, a number of lumber and coal yards,  
three livery stables, a fine flouring mill,  
any number of mechanics' shops, a bank,  
a literary society, temperance society and  
reading rooms, Good Templar lodge,  
three religious denominations hold ser-  
vices here—Congregational, Presbyterian  
and Methodist—and each has a separate  
organization and regular services. Many  
buildings are now under way, not even  
stopping for winter. Some of these build-  
ings are quite worthy of mention, having  
been built of this magnesian limestone, of  
which this county contains such an abun-  
dant, and can be delivered on the ground  
for \$3.50 to \$5 per cord. This place has  
now under way a fine, large building be-  
ing constructed of this stone, known as  
the opera house block, which will be one  
of the finest buildings west of Kansas  
City, and will be finished as well as  
blocks of similar size in Chicago and  
other large cities.

This place is very different from most  
frontier towns, as it has from the first  
taken high social, moral and intellectual  
standing, and is attracting here many  
people of that class. No liquors are al-  
lowed to be sold in this place, and if a  
man wants to get the people of this town  
down on him, let him advocate or take a  
course opposite to this deep-rooted sec-  
tarianism; and it won't take him long to do  
it.

This place is surrounded by a rich and  
fertile country, and the farmers here are  
of high standard; men of pluck, expe-  
rience, education, good judgment, and  
many of them are well-to-do, and can not,  
everything considered, be surpassed in  
any country.

The above chapter, as perhaps has been  
perceived, discourses upon Wa-Keeney  
as she was in December, 1879.  
Below, with the exception of such omis-  
sions as are consequent upon a too hur-  
ried review, will be found the present  
business status of Wa-Keeney:

**DRUGS AND GROCERIES.**  
B. WAGNER & CO.  
John Wagner, the "Co." of this firm,  
has been in the business since Feb. 15,  
1884. The firm started as J. Wagner &  
Co., was afterward Wagner & Grim, then  
Wagners & Grim, and since Aug. 1 of this  
year the style of the firm has been as an-  
nounced in this heading. These men  
certainly sell their share of goods, and  
seem to be thoroughly prosperous. Their  
advent into Trego county dates back into  
1878, we believe.

**JEWELRY, CLOCKS, WATCHES,  
ETC.**  
A. E. TOSH  
Is the only representative of this busi-  
ness in Wa-Keeney. He opened up last  
March, is a good workman, has a good-  
sized stock of goods, and is thriving. He  
holds forth, at present, in the D. H. Hen-  
kel building, just south of B. Wagner &  
Co's store.

**MILLINERY ESTABLISHMENTS.**  
MRS. M. BENEDICT.  
With the exception of an interval be-  
tween the months of June and Novem-  
ber, 1879, this lady has been in business  
here since early in 1879. When the coun-  
try first opened, her business suffered  
accordingly. During the past year or  
more, it has been good. Besides hand-  
ling an assortment of millinery goods,  
and trimming them according to the  
tastes of the purchasers, Mrs. Benedict  
makes dressmaking a feature of her busi-  
ness.

**HUNTER & COMPANY.**  
Mrs. W. T. Hunter and Miss R. Com-  
fort established their millinery store and  
dressmaking establishment in the early  
part of last September. They have a  
neat location, and their stock of goods  
matches it nicely. These ladies have al-  
ready built up an excellent business.  
Mrs. Hunter has lived in Wa-Keeney  
just about as long as there has been such  
a place. Miss Comfort came to Trego  
county several years ago, lived at Collier  
while, and then came to Wa-Keeney,  
where she was engaged in dressmaking  
before associating herself in business  
with Mrs. Hunter.

**RESTAURANTS.**  
LAWRENCE & HALL.  
Lawrence & Hall perhaps do not wish  
to be carried far from their main business  
of general merchants, but they have a ba-  
kery and restaurant, which have been in  
operation the most of the time since they  
went into business in the fall of 1879.

**C. N. BENEDICT**  
Runs a splendid restaurant. In addi-  
tion to this, he keeps a line of fruits and  
confectioneries which are unexcelled in  
Wa-Keeney. Charley, in fact, is one of  
the old timers; and when he can't do

business, it would be be sensible for the  
rest to stay out.

**MRS. J. H. BAKER**  
Runs a well-patronized restaurant in  
Baker block. This restaurant has been  
established some three months, and de-  
serves to be classed among the various  
thoroughly thrifty institutions of Wa-  
Keeney. Mrs. Baker is the soul of ge-  
nerosity, sets a good table, and is awake to  
the comfort of guests.

**HARNESS SHOPS.**  
W. C. OLSON  
Keeps the one which has been run  
since early in the spring of 1879. The  
continuous life of his business is the best  
evidence of its prosperity. Of course, his  
business has increased perceptibly within  
the past year.

**JOSEPH ESCHER**  
Opened a harness shop in the spring of  
1884. He has run the business with suc-  
cess. Mr. Escher is one of the earliest  
settlers of Trego county. His time, at  
present, is given to another business  
which will be touched upon elsewhere.  
Thomas McMillen is in charge of his har-  
ness shop.

**BOOKS AND STATIONERY.**  
E. S. MILLARD.  
Mr. Millard deals in books, stationery,  
candies, fruits, nuts, etc. He has been in  
the business in this place for some four  
years, and has prospered. He is one of  
the early settlers of Trego county.

**FURNITURE STORE.**  
W. B. KRITCHFIELD  
Runs the only furniture store in Wa-  
Keeney. He has been in the business  
since July 30, 1883, having, at that date,  
superseeded Joseph Lucas in the same  
business. Mr. Kritchfield has done well.  
He manufactures a good deal of his fur-  
niture. He also does wagon work and  
handles wagon materials, in addition to  
dealing in carpets, musical instruments,  
etc. The dimensions of Mr. Kritchfield's  
building are 25x74 feet, a large portion of  
it having been built within the past year.

**DRUGS.**  
H. J. HILLE.  
Mr. Hille opened his drug store in Oc-  
tober, 1878. He has done a successful  
business ever since.

**JONES & FERRIS.**  
This firm began business on Septem-  
ber 1, 1885. They are well equipped for  
the business, carrying a very complete as-  
sortment of drugs, as well as confection-  
eries, fancy dishes, jars, bottles, mugs,  
etc., which are seldom found in towns of  
this size. Both members of this firm are  
old residents.

**GROCERIES, FEED AND HARD-  
WARE.**  
WELCH & KERSHAW.  
Joseph Welch opened a store here  
in June, 1878. J. R. Kershaw entered into  
firm relations with him about October 1  
of the same year. They conducted a  
prosperous business until in the spring  
of 1882, when they closed out their stock  
of goods. They remained out of business  
two years. They then started again, and  
have been doing handsomely. They are  
careful business men, and deserve their  
success. They have for years dealt  
largely in cattle, and have valuable ranch  
property in Gove county.

**GENERAL MERCHANTS.**  
THOMAS CADDICK  
Has run the business over which he  
now presides since December, 1881. The  
spring before that he was the "Co." in the  
firm of Garrison, Bryant & Co. Mr. Cad-  
dick began business on what he believed  
to be safe ground. He purchased his  
goods carefully, and sold them the same  
way. The present size of his stocks of  
dry goods, clothing, groceries, Queens-  
ware, flour, feed, etc., added to the present  
volume of business, attests the correct-  
ness of his judgment. Mr. Caddick has  
also handled cattle to a considerable ex-  
tent.

**KERNS & KYLE.**  
These gentlemen began business the  
first day of last month, having bought out  
Morgan & Dann. Mr. Kyle used to be-  
long to the firm of Henry & Kyle away  
back in 1880. Mr. Kerns is one of the old  
timers in western Kansas. They carry  
one of the best stocks of goods in Wa-  
Keeney, are thoroughly popular, and we  
are sure they will win. Mr. Kerns is  
quite largely interested in cattle.

**LAWRENCE & HALL.**  
Have been in business continuously  
since early in the spring of 1879. Their  
stock of goods is very large, filling what  
were originally two large buildings. The  
increase in the volume of their business  
within the past year has been very mark-  
ed. They also have a cattle ranch, and  
give cattle growing a great deal of atten-  
tion.

**GEO. I. VERBECK**  
Came to Wa-Keeney in the fall of 1879,  
and opened a store under the firm name  
of Verbeck & Blair, Mr. E. W. Blair, now  
of Solomon City, being his partner. Mr.  
Blair devoted but little time to the store.  
He was clerk to Captain W. J. Hunter,  
then receiver of the government land of-  
fice at this place. During the ensuing  
winter, the store of Verbeck & Blair en-  
countered the incendiary fire which  
swept down so large a part of the busi-

ness houses on the east side of Franklin  
street. Out of the flames arose the store  
building which Mr. Verbeck now occu-  
pies. In a short time W. H. Baldwin be-  
came a part of the firm of Verbeck, Blair  
& Baldwin, remaining about a year. In  
the spring of 1884, Mr. Blair withdrew  
from the firm, leaving Mr. Verbeck alone.  
Mr. Verbeck does a business in general  
merchandising which should satisfy the  
most ambitious in this direction.

**MARSHALL & UFFORD**  
Have their store in the post-office room.  
The location is an ideal one for a general  
store. The dimensions of the grand room  
are about 25x80 feet. It is newly finish-  
ed, and is beautiful to behold. The large  
assortment of all that is usually found in  
a first-class general store tallies hand-  
somer with the elegance of the room.  
Messrs. Marshall & Ufford have plenty of  
accommodating clerks to anticipate the  
pleasure of buyers. Miss Jennie Bell has  
been installed in the ladies department,  
which we take occasion to say is a de-  
cided hit on the part of the managers of this  
store.

**MARTIN HERMAN**  
Keeps a small, but choice, stock of dry  
goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and so  
on. He located in Wa-Keeney last fall,  
and seems to have been fairly successful.

**HARDWARE.**  
KELLY & WALKER  
Are the one firm which have made this  
their exclusive business through damag-  
ing, as well as favorable seasons. We  
can imagine with great ease that through  
several summers they felt strongly in-  
vited by Nature's decrees to swap theirs  
for a business more lucrative, but they  
made no such swap. During the past  
year business has been lively with them.  
It has been refreshing to see them sell  
resaws, mowers, threshing machines,  
stoves, tinware and such other goods as  
first-class hardware merchants are in the  
habit of handling. They also keep a  
tinners' shop, and are in want of another.  
Kelly & Reticker opened business in Wa-  
Keeney in March, 1879. In the course of  
a year or so, Mr. J. B. Walker took the  
place of Reticker.

**BANKS.**  
JOHN H. MARCH & CO.  
The pioneer banker, since the collapse  
of the firm of Ellsworth Bros. early in  
1880, is J. H. March. Mr. March came  
from LeMars, Iowa, last spring, built his  
present business house, and opened his  
bank in May. To say that he under-  
stands his business fully, and has done a  
thriving business, is to state our unquali-  
fied belief. The title of the firm is John  
H. March & Co.

**WILSON, MURRAY & CO.**  
This firm is just opening business in a  
lower room of the opera building. Mr.  
Wilson, the head of the firm, comes from  
Ottumwa, Iowa, and, as our readers al-  
ready have reason to know, can produce  
testimonials of a high order. Mr. Murray  
comes from Wellington, Kansas, and Mr.  
Barnes, the "Co.," from Malvern, Iowa.

**LUMBER YARDS.**  
F. O. ELLSWORTH.  
Mr. Ellsworth has been, and is, one of  
the most active business men ever known  
to Trego county. Withal, he has been  
successful. To trace his career, however,  
into one business, then into another, from  
that of lumber in the winter of 1879 to  
that of lumber at present, would be a task  
too arduous for our limited time. His  
present lumber yard has been established  
several years. His sales have been large,  
and, of course, are now larger. He keeps  
on hand a very large and varied assort-  
ment of such goods as are common to  
paying lumber yards.

**L. A. REED & CO.**  
The lumber stock of this firm occupies  
the yard which was formerly owned by  
Mr. W. T. Hunter, on Washington street.  
The firm do a heavy business, which is  
well conducted by Mr. A. J. Davis. They  
have recently opened a branch yard at  
Familton. The firm began business at  
this place in the latter part of last August.

**GEO. I. VERBECK**  
Has an extensive lumber yard in con-  
nection with his other business. His  
sales of lumber are very large.

**COAL YARDS.**  
JOSEPH GROFF.  
Is the exclusive dealer in coal at this  
place. He has been in the business about  
two years. The perseverance with which  
he sticks to it is evidence that he gets  
something out of it.

**C. M. PAULL.**  
A few weeks ago, bought the coal busi-  
ness of F. O. Ellsworth, and is running  
it for what it is worth. It is fair to infer,  
from the volume of his business, that it is  
worth a good deal. Mr. Paull is a staunch  
citizen, and deserves all the success  
which he can possibly run across.

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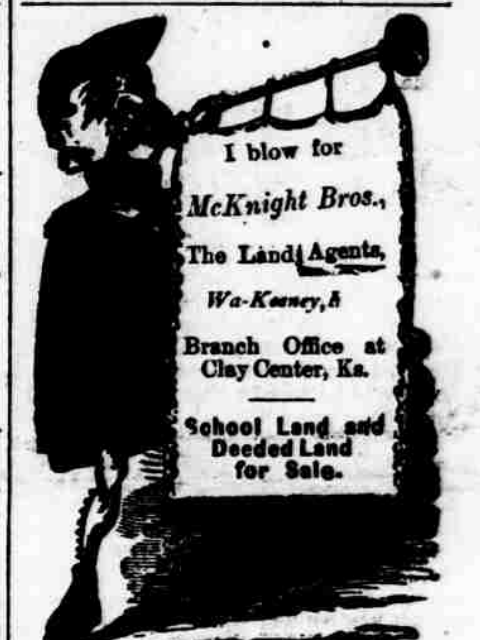
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